(b) whether Government propose to establish some agro-based industries to arrest large scale of labour migration; and

(c) if so, the number and details of the industries that are proposed or have been established so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Labour Migration takes place not only due to inadequate Agro based industries but also due to various other factors like better wages, poor monsoons leading to drought, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) being implemented in the state helps to arrest labour migration to a certain extent.

(c) 1131 number of industries were set up in Chhattisgarh upto 2003-04 generating 31989 number of jobs. It is targeted to establish 751 projects during 2004-05 under Rural Employment Generation Programme in the State.

KVIC units in Uttaranchal

†2385. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the units set up in Uttaranchal by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether some of the units already set up by the KVIC in this State have been closed;

(c) if so, the total number of the units closed;

(d) whether Government have fixed any target to open new units in the State during the current plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The details of units set up under Rural

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Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in Uttaranchal for the last three years are given below:

Year	Number of projects
2001-02	269
2002-03	375
2003-04	1106

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, some units do close down.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. During the current year, 2004-05, KVIC has set a target of setting up of 500 projects under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in Uttaranchal by allocating Rs. 658 lakhs. These projects are estimated to generate 10,000 employment opportunities. For the remaining two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan, i.e. 2005-06 and 2006-07 it is targeted to set up 1155 number of projects creating additional employment for 23100 number of persons.

Financial conditions of farmers

†2386. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to establish agriculture based industries to provide technical training for it as well as to provide financial assistance for the establishment of industries to farmers in order to bring improvement in the economic conditions of the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government are considering to formulate any plan in this regard, in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), KVIC provides financial assistance in the form of margin money for establishing varous rural industries projects including agriculture based industries. Upto 2003-04, a total of 39809 Agro and Food Processing Industry projects have been

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